

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 2, 2018
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on April 2, 2018 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Robert Liskey, Georgia Gipson, Vince Rose, Hannah Anderson, Jim Catania, Rick Fuller

COUNCIL ABSENT: Ken High

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Kading, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh,

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Catania, supported by Council Member Rose to approve the agenda for April 2, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the March 19, 2018 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$91,454.85, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to adopt **Resolution 2018-05 to enact an amendment to Section 5.03, "Parking – General Standards" of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bridgman,**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Jim Catania, Rick Fuller, Bob Liskey, Georgia Gipson, Vince Rose, Hannah Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: Ken High

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Motion by Council Member Rose, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adopt **Resolution 2018-06 to enact an amendment to Section 7.02, “Accessory Uses, Buildings, and Structures” of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bridgman,**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Georgia Gipson, Vince Rose, Hannah Anderson, Jim Catania, Rick Fuller, Bob Liskey

Nays: None

Absent: Ken High

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the revised fee schedule for the Weko Beach Boat Ramp

	Daily	Berrien County Seasonal	Outside Berrien County Seasonal	Bridgman and Lake Twp Resident Seasonal
Existing	\$15	\$40	\$50	\$20
Proposed	\$30	\$60	\$70	\$30

Motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Review of the Weko Beach Community Room Rental Parameters and Fee Schedule.

- Mayor Anderson stated in January 2017, Classic Catering chose not to renew the contract to be the rental agent for the beach house. In February 2017, Ganum, Kading, Member Fuller and Member High formed a group to look at the concession stand and establish who was going to be handling the beach house rentals year-round. They were also looking into revising the beach house fee schedule. Part of the fee structure discussion included the aerobics class and the church. Shortly after, Ganum had contact with one of the ladies with the aerobic class to let them know the fee structure would be changing and notified the church. In March 2017, the city started to run the concession stand and supplemented with food trucks. The city is still handling the beach house rentals and is working on find the right person to handle them. The working group continued to have meetings and Ganum opened a line of communication with the aerobics class and offered to meet with them on two separate occasions, but they didn't take him up on his offer. On February 5, 2018 the council talked about the fee schedule and then acted on it at the following meeting. On March 5, 2018, two aerobics people came in to ask the council to reconsider. On March 9, 2018 the aerobics class had accepted the terms with the start date of June 1st. On March 19th, more people were speaking about the fee schedule to reconsider allowing them to continue at no charge. It was noted that an additional letter came in after the council packet went out that was identical to the letter Stanage submitted.
- Member Fuller stated after the last council meeting, the working group met again to discuss the matter and came up with three options. The first option is to stay with the approved fee structure. The second option is to revert back to not charging the aerobics class and grandfather

them in. The third option is to allow the class to continue to use the beach house at no charge but have an understanding they would help with city projects like planting and watering the city planters.

- The council discussed the three options and asked input from the aerobics class ladies who were in the audience what their thoughts were. Most were open to the idea of the third option with one being in opposition wanting to be grandfathered in at no charge. Attorney Senica stated if the group is not willing to pay, then they could get bumped if someone else wanted to rent out the space during that time.
- Mayor Anderson stated it is the consensus of the council to eliminate option two and have them either pay or do the bartering system. Maree Nordgren will talk to the aerobics class and come back with a consensus of which of the two options they would like to do. She will email Ganum before the next council meeting.
- The council then discussed the church using the beach house on Sundays. Currently they are paying \$125 a week for using the space. Dalton Stange said they meet from 9-10 a.m. and they are out by 10:30 a.m. The council discussed the church adjusting their hours and making accommodations if there is a rental on Sundays. Stange stated they will adjust if there is a rental, and if they find there are a lot of Sunday rentals, they could find another location to use.
- Mayor Anderson gave a recap on what the council agreed to. The church will remain at \$125/week with the same time they are currently using with the understanding they will work with adjusting as needed for any Sunday rentals. The aerobics class can also keep their hours and adjust as needed. Maree Nordgren will get back to Ganum on which option they would like to go with, one or three.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Anderson announced the Berrien County Board of Commissioners will be having their next meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Weko Beach House.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk